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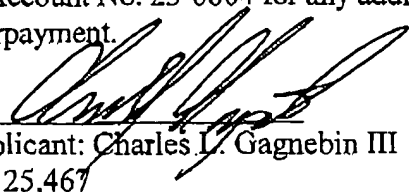
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**Title**

Method for immobilizing hydrogel-bonding polymers on polymer substrate surfaces

Per Preliminary Amendment filed 1/21/2005, please correct the Title to read as follows:

METHOD FOR IMMOBILIZING HYDROGEL-FORMING POLYMERS ON POLYMER SUBSTRATE SURFACES

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METHOD FOR IMMOBILIZING HYDROGEL-BONDING POLYMERS ON POLYMER SUBSTRATE SURFACES

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3. ☒ This express request to begin national examination procedures (35 U.S.C. 371(f)). The submission must include items (5), (6), (9) and (21) indicated below.
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12. ☐ An assignment document for recording. A separate cover sheet in compliance with 37 CFR 3.28 and 3.31 is included.
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14. ☐ An Application Data Sheet under 37 CFR 1.76.
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